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NO ROUGH TACTICS.

It is natural that in this political campaign of exceeding strenuousness, there should be all sorts of rumors afloat. Colonel Roosevelt's tactics have been so murderous to all party affiliations, so domineering, so reckless of all other claims or interests that those of his own personality, that it is not surprising to see in the dispatches the most startling suggestions as to what his plans are with respect to the coming national Republican convention. It is even suggested that he himself will be on the ground with a trained band of athletes and cowboy toughs to ride roughshod over the convention and to enforce his will upon that body in spite of the admitted majority against him. This, of course, is incredible, though the fight will be desperate.

The initial moves were made yesterday morning, when the national committee assembled. First, there was an effort made to oust the regular members of the committee before they had the opportunity to perform the functions delegated to them by the last Republican national convention. It is stated that the Roosevelt interests will not wait until the ratification by the national convention of the names presented by the states for national committeemen, as has been the universal practice in the past, but will insist that the state nominations make the national committeemen without regard to the convention action by way of ratification. The sophistry of this is evident on the face of it, for it requires ratification by the national convention for any act whatever, to constitute it the act of the national party, or to give it national scope; and when we consider that the universal practice has been to present the names of the committeemen in the convention itself after the nominations for president and vice president have been made, it will be seen that the Roosevelt programme in this is revolutionary. It is not only that, but it deprives the party of having any real national committee at all; for if the action of the states alone is to govern, these states can change the committeemen at any time they choose, and there will be no tenure of office for the national committeemen as has heretofore been the case, if this change is to be made without any authority from the national convention, and to forestall its action.

The next move on the program will be the attempt to defeat the committee's choice of Senator Root for temporary chairman at the convention. Necessarily, in order to make a fight against this that would have any chance of success, the Roosevelt leaders will have to ignore the decision of the national committee in contested cases, and insist that their contesting delegates shall be admitted to vote on the question. Here will be the opportunity for a bolt if Roosevelt is determined on a bolt, as the rumor is. For, since most of the contests are merely fractions and for the purpose of making trouble, it will be necessary for Roosevelt to insist that his delegates shall be seated in spite of their (assumed) rejection by the national committee. Here the award of tickets by the committee will have an important bearing, for only the delegates whose seats are contested whose right to the seats is affirmed by the committee, will be accorded the tickets for seats in the body of the convention; delegates defeated in their contests will have no seatings. Another class of contests will arise where delegations have been divided and double delegations have been set in with half vote to each delegate. Wherever this might appear, the seating capacity of the delegates' portion of the hall would be overcrowded, and it will remain for the committee to make a fair apportionment of the delegations in such case.

In spite of disquieting rumors, we are not at all inclined to credit any program of violence on the part of Colonel Roosevelt or any one else. The "plug-ugly" methods of holding conventions are things of the past. No overpowering by physical force, no attempt to pack the convention with fighting men, will avail. A great party will be able to protect itself against any such methods, even if they were attempted, but

we do not charge Colonel Roosevelt with any attempt to use such methods, for they would at once be futile and would fix a scandalous blot upon his cause and his fame. The convention is not to be overpowered by ruffianism, and any persons who think that it is may as well give up that idea at once.

The national committee is composed of men of calm judgment, of courage, of experience and of proved capacity. They will decide all questions that come before them according to precedent and the rules that have universally prevailed in the past. It will not be possible to swerve them from what is right and just, and neither intimidated or overpowered. The hearing by the committee will be open, fair, and all questions will be decided according to the methods and rules heretofore adopted in like case. That these decisions will be fair and impartial there can be no doubt. The recommendations of President Taft to have the hearings open and public, and the probable determination of the committee to follow this wise counsel, will be enough in itself to assure the purity of the action of the committee in every case; because with all the facts fully known and with the public in close touch with every fact and point of precedent and law bearing upon the case, it will be impossible for any wrong judgment or unfair conclusion to be arrived at. Of course, it is to be supposed that Colonel Roosevelt will hold that everything is unfair that does not work to his advantage; but as he is a party in interest, he will not be considered a calm and unbiased judge, and neither does his temperament admit of his friends claiming calm and unbiased judgment for him on any point whatever.

Thus we expect that the convention will proceed with a calmness, fair deliberation, and just treatment of all, and that the committee will be actuated by like spirit in all of its preliminary actions. The disquieting rumors that come we dismiss as unlikely, and as certain to prejudice the cause of any one who may attempt to indulge in them.

NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED.

The world at large is blissfully ignorant of the extent to which many prominent citizens are indebted to the reporters who interview them on live issues. The prominent citizen will engage in a flight of words that, if printed as he uttered them, would make him the laughing stock of all who read them and awaken a desire in the breast of the interviewed one to shed the scribe's gore in large quantities.

When a reporter secures an interview he does not, save in very rare instances, write out what was told him in the exact words used. He polishes up and trims off the ragged edges, as it were, and presents to readers a finished product. The interviewed one, if he has the saving grace of common sense, is always grateful for the changes made and considers himself the reporter's debtor.

The Baltimore Evening Sun presents this matter so lucidly and appositely that we are fain to quote it and stamp it as entirely correct. The Sun uses the actual remarks of a man besought for a pronunciamento upon the school question to point its moral and adorn its tale thus:

"Don't Talk to me about no Van Sickle. The scholars in the schools today don't learn half they used to learn. When I went to school things was different. Today they waste their time on knittin', mud pies an' such damn monkey business. I heard the other day that they don't learn children spellin' at all no more. I'm in favor of entin' out that fancy stuff an' givin' 'em somethin' good an' strong. Tell 'em I'm against it."

The interview appeared in the paper the next day, done into English by the reporter as follows: "No one can deny that the present imbroglio is disorganizing the efficiency of the teachers. Reports I have received from parents convince me that the experiments attempted by Mr. Van Sickle have failed to improve the system or to benefit the pupils. Whatever the demerits of old curriculum, it has at least laid a firm foundation and gave the pupil a working knowledge of the fundamental branches. The new curriculum does not accomplish this. I believe a change in the office of superintendent would be to the advantage of the schools."

WONDERS HAVE CHANGED.

The seven wonders of the ancient world were the Walls of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus by Phidias at Olympia, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Mausoleum of Hicarnassus and the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus.

Solid wonders, these—stone and metal that the eye could gaze at, the hand could touch, towering four-square to Heaven—wonders because of size and weight. Most of them were built for the pride of monarchs at enormous cost of slave life, and served no end save that of inspiring awe and amazement in the beholder.

What are the Seven Wonders of the World today, according to the Cornell professors?

Wireless, synthetic chemistry, radium, anti-toxins, aeroplanes, the Panama canal and the telephone.

Most of them are agents of mediums without substance—these modern "wonders;" few of them impressive save for what they do; none of them, with the exception of the Panama canal, itself representing enormous cost! All of them were found or begun by seekers after scientific truth and progress. And each and every one is designed to be a constant, active help to man in his every day life.

Monuments have yielded to means and methods in man's estimate of the "wonders" he has made.

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